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FOR ASST SECY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY ISSUES

REF: STATE 172095

1. THERE ARE NO BURNING THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES IN ECUADOR. THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP IN THE TRA IS VERY MUCH ALIVE HERE, BUT IT IS A BILATERAL ISSUE. US-CUBAN RELATIONSHIP IS PRACTICALLY A NON ISSUE HERE. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL OR OFFICIAL COMMENTARY ON CANAL NEGOTIATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS. IF CANAL TALKS BROKE DOWN, GOE WOULD RALLY TO PANAMA IN USUAL DEMONSTRATION OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY, EVEN THOUGH TURNING CANAL OVER TO PANAMA IS PERCEIVED BY INFORMED PERSONS HERE AS A RISK TO ECUADOREAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT HEMISPHERIC ISSUE FROM LOCAL POINT OF VIEW IS PERHAPS BEHAVIOUR OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THUS EXPLAINING ECUADOR'S ACTIVE ROLE IN OAS DELIBERATIONS THIS QUESTION.

2. IN SHORT, DESPITE CONTINUING LIP-SERVICE TO HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY AND RELATED THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES, ECUADOREAN FOCUS IS VERY MUCH ON QUESTIONS CLOSER TO HOME, AND THOSE, BY-AND-LARGE ARE PURELY BILATERAL.

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3. I HOPE THE ABOVE MEETS YOUR STANDARDS OF BREVITY.

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